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August 26, 2015

Mr. Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: New Charter Merger- MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As the Majority Floor Leader of the California State Assembly, I am always searching for new ways to strengthen the economy and make it easier for California residents to access high-quality services.

I write to you today to express my support for the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Brighthouse Networks because of the positive impact this will have on my state.

New Charter—by expanding eligibility—will provide competitive pricing for broadband services to low-income households in California. In order to continue to provide consumers with high-quality broadband services, New Charter has made commitments to not block or slow down internet traffic. As a matter of fact, New Charter will not engage in paid prioritization and will ensure there are no data caps.

Seeing the need to create jobs here at home, New Charter plans to return thousands of jobs to America from overseas call centers. New Charter is also dedicated to hiring a workforce that mirrors the diversity of the consumers it serves. Furthermore, New Charter is committed to supplier diversity and will increase outreach to minority-owned businesses in order to provide high-quality, diverse programming.

I encourage you to approve the merger because I feel that it will be a significant benefit not only for businesses but residents as well.

Sincerely,

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